Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Catholic schools continue their mission and celebrate Catholic schools by furnishing our leaders of tomorrow with basic human, moral, and spiritual foundations; and,

Whereas, Catholic schools strengthen the future of the community and the nation by keeping viable the right of freedom of religion, under law; and,

Whereas, Catholic education has demonstrated its ability to contribute to the state's welfare throughout its history by raising levels of knowledge, competence, and experience; and,

Whereas, The 28 Catholic grade and high schools in South Dakota are educating over 5,200 students during the 2004-2005 school year:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 23-29, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I recognize the contributions Catholic schools have made and are making today as they fulfill the mission and celebrate Catholic schools in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State